

Sept 1

Blair Oct 1869
Rev Shelden Jackson }
Bluffton }
S.D. & Bro

I should have written you sooner
but that I was waiting to see some
of our number who are out in the
country - but as yet they have not
been in - I saw Mrs. Perry and she
told me that she has been Congl the
last 14 years - and thinks that if they
organize she would prefer to remain with
them. Mr & Mrs. Hayes are waiting but
I hope and have reason to think that
they will come with us.
As soon as we see those in the
country will sign the petition and
forward to you. The Catholics have
raised about \$1000.00 for a church
I hope to hear from you soon
Yr Bro in Christ M. L. Hayett

Sep 1st 1869

Mr Jackson

Dear Bro. Yours of the 18th is at hand. I desire to go West as I told you last winter at Princeton. I have been talking with Bro Burt about Decatur Co Iowa a portion of his old field. & I should like to visit it very much.

I had almost made up my mind to go out for the New School Board. because they guarantee a support for their men & also bear their expenses to the field. I had rather go out for our branch of the church but have not the means to take me there

& besides there are a few things of which I stand in need before I leave home. What I wish to ask you is. Will our church or Board render me any assistance in this respect? If not I see no other alternative than to put myself under the other Board. I wish to go in about a month from now & hope arrangements can be made soon.

Yours in Christian love
S S Waller
Woodstown
Salem Co
N. J.

Memoranda of Sheldon Jackson September 1869

16333 miles traveled

\$726.80

Places Supplied with more or less reg preaching

Glenwood - Red Oak, Bodway, Sidney, Ham-
burgh - Laton, Page City, Amity, Pleasant Grove
Clarinda, Hawleyville ^{Corning} Iowa 11
Fall's City, Salem, Tecumseh, Keelena
Lincoln, Blair, Fremont, Belles Creek
Logan, Columbus, Grand Island Neb 12
Cheyenne, Laramie, ^{Rawlins} ~~Handache~~ Sweet-
water, Wyoming Bryan Wyoming 13-
Wahsatch & Corinne Utah 2

Bell Creek Neb May 30, 8 mem ^{Obadiah Hays & El}

Corning, Red Oak June 13, 10 mem ^{Geo Rogers Stoddard}

Tecumseh Jul 11. 14 mem no Elder

Cheyenne Je 18, 9 mem W. H. Thompson Elder

Keelena Aug 1st 13 mem no Elder

Rawlins Aug 8 6 mem no Elder

Laramie 10 6 mem Mr Lancaster

N. I. 12 3 mem Robt Mitchell Elders

Columbus 13 3 mem Saml Hindman

Blair 15 Miles C Hynette Elder

Fremont 16 3 mem W. C. Galpin Eld

12 Corning 22 3 mem M. A. Potwin Eld

men

H. P. Peck - A Peck - A M Darley - ^{Wash} Nelson - McColl
- Hutchison - ~~Geo~~ - ~~Hay~~ - McDon - Harris - Smith - Elliott - How
Shady - Cameron - ¹⁴ ~~McDon~~ ¹⁵ ~~How~~, Randolph - Smith 13

B^d Ch Extension

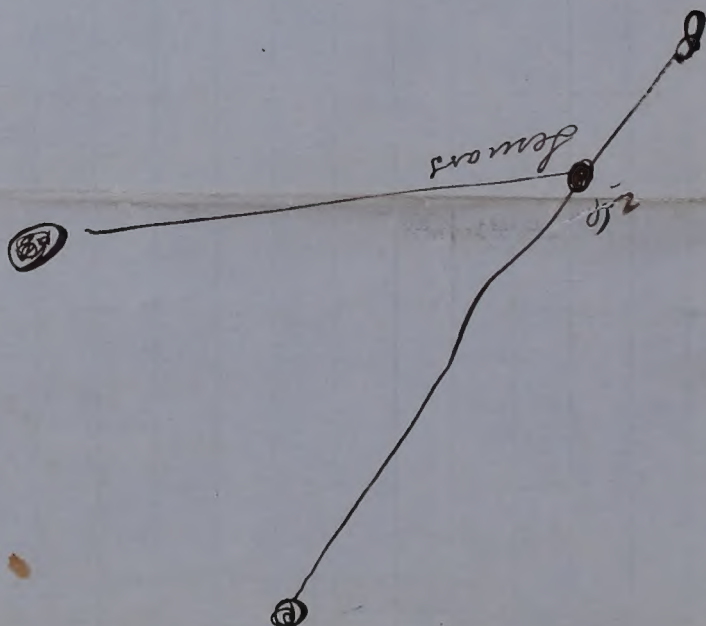
Corning \$800
Red Oak \$800
Leorinne \$1000
Bell Creek \$300
Columbus \$1000
Grand Island \$1000
Sweet Water \$1000
Sweet Water \$500

Domes Missions

H. P. Peck \$1000, \$500 trav
W. W. Harris \$1000, \$100 "
W. S. Harding \$1000
Chapman

Apr 18th 1868 - 50
July 17th 1868 - 35
Apr 2 - 25
May 14 - 25
June 14 - 25
Carpenter

Dec 1864
from Mrs Eli Merrill - 50.00
Nov 30th 1867 100
from Mrs Mary Labor
Feb 10th 1868
from Mrs J. M. Graham 50



1008 Michigan Ave
Chicago Sept. 3. 1869

Rev. S. Jackson

Council Bluffs Iowa:

My dear Sir:

I am now prepared to act, and, on certain conditions, to accept the invitation to Diggens.

Supposing that these conditions are essentially fulfilled, or in equivalents, you may consider this as my acceptance, unless a telegram to the contrary should reach you before you read these lines.

The conditions are:—

1. That at least \$1000 be guaranteed me by the Board.
2. That I be furnished \$100 with which to pay my traveling expenses, and that of my family, and the expense of moving, &c.
3. That I be advanced \$100 on my salary, or a before reaching C.

4. That I have leave (if I shall see fit to use it) to beg money to build a passage.

If I were tolerably sure of a salary of ^{or nearly that} \$2000, I should say nothing of a passage.

If the \$100 were loaned to me for 100 days, it would answer instead of an advance on salary.

If my board bills can remain unpaid for that length of time — although I do not like that way of doing business, but prefer paying as I go, \$90 will be a sufficient cash advance.

If I had been on the field, and knew just what arrangements I could make, and just what my expenses would be; or if I were not under obligation to be just to my creditors, I should make no condition, or a less condition of the guarantee by the Board. As it is, duty to others compels the condition, and almost seems to compel more. I feel rather afraid of \$1500 ^{as a salary,} only, and it may compel separation from my family for six months, or even longer.

Finally, if the Board will not guarantee the \$1000, and the deficit ~~shall~~ be guaranteed, by responsible parties outside of Cheyenne & Laramie, to be paid promptly in not fewer than quarterly installments, it will answer.

I regret the necessity of imposing even these conditions, but I believe they can be met, and I believe they are the least that I ought to impose.

If there is ~~any~~ other way, I will endeavor to raise the \$100 for traveling expenses myself. But if you will write to Dr. Patterson, or Revs. Blackburn & Marguis (~~or~~ others) you will get more than I, and it would be with a better grace.

Rev. Dr. Patterson is at 71 N. Curtis st.
Rev. H. M. Blackburn - 1060 N. Halstead
Rev. D. C. Marguis - 234 Ontario (~~I think~~)

I have already written, declining the call to Wyoming, on the simple ground that Cheyenne is a broader & more needy field.

I shall, probably, preach my last sermon

Here on the first Sabbath of October.
The Sabbath following I expect to spend
with my father, and in St. Louis. The
third Sabbath, I can be in Cheyenne.

Probably, I shall leave my family
at my father's, till I go to C., and make
arrangements for them. As I said, poor
salary may compel me to leave them
there all winter. But, if possible, in
from 4 to 8 weeks, I shall come East
after them, and to arrange for furniture
and sundry other items of church and
private business.

I shall probably ask Presbytery to
dismiss ^{me} to a Presbytery to be formed
on the line of the St. P. R.R. Presbytery
meets on the 14th inst.

Mrs. Davis joins me in a message
of Christian regard.

I write a note (to-night) to Dr. Mus-
grave, announcing the probability of my
change to C.

Yours bro. in the Gospel
H. H. Harris

Mrs. Donalley is here

3 Sept.

Dear Mr. [unclear] #2 & 1/2

Prof.

I have waited with
some impatience and anxiety
a letter from you - Sent to
care of Holmes 5008 -

Have you rec'd it - I must
look after it. What arrang-
ments for Ch^h ^{buildings} made?

I would like to meet
Pres next week - but
will remain another Sab.
I think perhaps I will
come to C. B. week after
next - after ^{is} 2^d Sabth ^{Sat} I do not
feel like returning here
after Synod at all -

How about Harris -

Had letters from Lyon &
Wilson - J. D. Mason
appointed Dist. Mod. for
Illinois, Iowa, & our ground,
directed to Ainslie for advice

The Brethren will resent
appointment - We will
have a gay time of Synod
I am glad you are
not a member of that
synod -

Keller is to be installed
the next before Synod is
1 day before

I feel ~~a little~~ interested
to know where my pros-
pects for a settlement &
where ? Have you done

anything about Plattenmouth
I think Black Hawk Co.
would suit Shayer - Salary
2000 from Ch. & a house
Good element - Radcliff re-
ferring for a minister -
one very good elder - a Mr.
Henderson I think -

I have been sick for a few
days - I have directed some letters
sent to your care - Tell P. M. not to
be forwarded without orders - Matters are
so shaping ^{here} I don't know what I will have
to leave for synod - Love

Waverley Lane
4th Sept 867

Dear Mr. Lessor

Yours letter
of 27th ult. is received
I am sorry to hear of your
trouble. But will not please
tell me as to what kind
of application has been made.
I am, Sir, Yours

I have received a letter
from Rev. Mr. Lessor
dated 28th ult. stating
that they have a strong
voice in the matter
but if I feel confident
to say that the
fact is a serious matter
to you.

St Louis Sept 8th PM 1869

Rev Sheldon Jackson
L R

Yours of the 6th just received. I write to say that our Pres will meet at Washington 48 miles west of this on the Pacific RR on Tuesday the day you propose to be here. I leave home on Saturday for Union & expect to be at Pres on Tuesday. I doubt whether it will be practicable to have a meeting of our B^d next week. Suppose you meet with our Pres on Tuesday at Washington five or six members of the Bd of Ch Ex will be there. I expect to start for Iowa & Neb the last of this month and meet the Synod of Kansas on my return. I have agreed to me the Synods of Kansas - Lawrence Pittsburg & N Y, which will occupy most of the month of Oct. If you do not come to Washington let me hear from you again.

Yours fraternally

H R Wilson
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Treasure City Nevada
Sept. 9-1869

Dear & Dear Brother

Gains with
mops come duly - Glad to have them
Six places are marked on the
mops where men are needed yet
at none of them save Treasure
City is any one laboring. I could
mark ~~if~~ more places in Nevada
where Missionaries could hopefully
go to work. There is no Presbyterian
Minister to day laboring in Nevada
but myself - Our organization in
Virginia City is vacant - in Austin
vacant - in Carson supplied by
a Congregational Brother - We
have organized at Treasure City since
my coming - 23 members I leave
for California in two weeks - Have
no one for this place yet hope

one, soon. This is the most im-
portant point now in Nevada

I am a member of the present
General Assembly and may
be in Pittsburgh - you will
likely see me and have the
pleasure of a face to face talk
My address hereafter will be
San Francisco California

Be glad to hear from you
when ought of interest to the
Master's Kingdom to write

Yours

A. M. Stewart

714 Clinton St.
Chicago Sep 9 1869

Dr. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

The agitation has
produced some effect. W. H.
Hale Sprufield has
been trying to send you \$1000 -
but letter was returned. I
at last sent him your
address to day. Write him
a good letter

Yours truly

Wm Pittman

Large boxes of clothing, shoes, etc.
San Francisco, California

Rev E. P. Wells

Denver Col.

Apr. 11 1869

Dear Bro. Jackson

Op. of 6th is at
hand. Fearing that
it might be some-
time before there wd
be united action on
the part of Presby.
of this vicinity
towards forming a
Presbytery our ch.
made application &
has been rec^d within
the bounds of the
Presby. of Chicago.

The Presbyterians
are far from united
the matter. Topics in
this Terr.

Your offer as to a box
is kind. We have two
free, perhaps partially, some

an independent line.

As soon as I can get
a little margin I
intend to order a black
suit of Mrs. Brown &
Matthews Mathews. (Tailor)
to 93 Wabash Ave. Chicago
who have my measure

We need a bill for
our clinic more
than anything else—
except a steaming iron
hearses

Yrs.
E. P. Wells

Presbyterian Board of Publication,

COLPORTAGE DEPARTMENT.

821 Chestnut Street.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson. Philadelphia, Sept. 11. 1869.
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have just returned to this city of
for an absence of several weeks, & find yours of
Aug. 14th upon my desk. I am sorry it has re-
mained so long unanswered. I have today forwarded
to your address a pretty large package contain-
ing 600 copies of our book of Psalms & Hymns.
They are cheaply bound, & are of an old edition,
slightly differing from that now in use, but I
think it will answer the purpose of our new
churches very well. I also send 500 copies of our
"Social Psalmist", containing a selection of the
same hymns as the above. These two books can
be used together without difficulty. I also
send 100 copies of Children's Praise, a lot of
Shorter Catechisms, Child's Catechisms, &c. In a
separate bundle, I send you 500 copies of
our S. S. Visitor for distribution among the chil-
dren in your schools. Will you not use your in-
fluence for us to introduce into your new churches,
wherever it is practicable, our Visitor, Children's
Praise, & S. S. Library books?

Since the books for Bro. Hughes at Cornucopia,
we have sent large packages to several missionaries in
the vast regions beyond you, & are willing to send many
more wherever the spots where they are most needed
are pointed out to us, & whenever there are persons

These places in whose good judgment & fidelity we can confide to make a wise & economical distribution, should among the newly organized churches on the line of the Pacific Road have strong schools reading bibles, Library books, Catechisms, &c., we will very gladly assist in furnishing them. Indeed, I desire you to feel, my dear brother, that we are earnestly desirous, in every judicious way, and according to the limited amount placed at our command for such uses, to distribute printed religious truth over the vast region where you are present, & may God abundantly bless all your endeavours, the notices of which, in the Western Standard & elsewhere, I read with lively interest.

Mrs. Church is at present out of the city. Had she been, I know that she would, warmly join with me in sending affectionate salutations & fraternal greetings.

Yours, &c.,
 W. E. Schmitt

Lewis Hamilton
Centrat City, C. Y.

Sept. 13. 1869,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Dear Brother

I received your
note with the Overture to Gen. Assembly, and
having signed the Overture return it
to you as you requested.

There is a movement however for the
organization of a Presbytery among the
ministers here, with a view to having
the organization effected before the
meeting of the Assembly at Pittsburg.
a previous Assembly having authori-
zed such organization. I do not know

however that we shall be able to complete the organization so soon. I have not my own letter, and do not know that I can get it in time, though I have written for it.

I shall be glad to see you in Colorado when you come this way, and enjoy a personal acquaintance.

Yours fraternally,
Lewis Hamilton

Mission House, 907 Arch St.
Philadelphia, Sep. 14, 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Dear Brother:- Your quarterly report is at hand and as you desire it, I have requested the Treasurer to remit you a quarter's salary which will be due on the first prox. You will please find a check for the amount enclosed.

We are obliged to you for the information furnished in your report. Of course we cannot act upon your suggestion until we receive the usual ^{Presby-}terial applications. If the missionaries in the places named by you require such large salaries from the Board, it will certainly not be practicable, with our present limited means, to make many such appointments. You should therefore recommend the occupation only of a few of the most important points.

I do not know what amount the A. S. Committee have in hand, but I doubt whether they would be able to appoint many additional missionaries at the rate of

(\$1000.) one thousand dollars each. You may be assured that we will do the best we can, but neither of us can do what is impracticable.

If you can furnish Mr. Geo. Nixon whose letter you enclosed, with the name of some missionary who would be willing to write "a monthly letter" to the Sabbath School referred to, we would be obliged to you. The school can then remit their collections to the Treasurer of the Board and have them acknowledged as usual.

I hope you are well and doing well.

With kind regards.

Fraternally Yours,
G. W. Musgrave.
per.

Marengo Ill^e

Sept. 14th / 69.

Dear Bro. Jackson -
Your letter is rec'd.
In reply I would say
that I expect to leave
here the 28th of the present
month, & shall probably
reach Council Bluffs
Wed. - the 29th -
As I am & have been
very busy - I should
prefer to rest among
my friends, the 1st Sat. - of
Oct. - & if you choose you
may appoint the 2^d Sat.
of next month for my visit
at Cheyenne -

a classmate of mine
at Princeton Coll. - who
spent 2 years at Allegheny
& graduated at Chicago -
wishes me to recommend
him to you - for Cheyenne.
His name is Rev John
Giffen - supplying at
present our Ch. at Altoua
Knox Co. Ill^e He is ac-
quainted with your father
& I think a very pious &
faithful man - He is 34
yrs. of age & married - no
children - He preached for
me Sb. - His time expires
at Altoua Nov. 1st - I think
if his travelling expenses were
paid he would visit Cheyenne
& very probably locate there - I
am "missionated" with him - Yours in the
work - H. P. Peck

~~1877?~~

Marengo Ill^o
Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro.

On my
return from Neb I
called on Bro. Cleland
but did not find him at
home. Not knowing where
to find you & anxious
to get home, as I had
been quite ill for nearly
a week - I take this op-
portunity - to repeat by
letter. I was well
pleased with - L - & I
think Mr. Kennedy &
others were pleased with
me. I preached in the
M. E. Ch. once, & by the

advice of those on the ground
did not remain until
the Wed. following - I
then went to Neb. City; preached
for Bro Elliott the next
Sat. - met many persons
interested in L. & some
who were about to remove
there. My last Sat. I preached
at Florence. My wife ex-
presses herself willing to
make the removal - I should
the Ch. at L. - see fit - to make
me a formal call - stating
the amt. of salary - &c. - not
less than \$1200. - fr. ann - I
would accept. - & should it be
their wish - I would consent
to be installed. The sooner I
hear from them, the sooner I
can be on the ground - perhaps as
early as Sept - 1st - yours Truly in X -
H. F. Beck.

John Fraser

Dover Sep 15/69
Rev. & Dr Brother

I have
written to you for the
purpose of obtaining in-
formation.

A number of fami-
lies from six to twelve
mainly Pres.ⁿ wish
to form a colony in a new
country. Individually the
members are worth from
twenty five hundred to
six thousand dollars.
We think with our numbers
& means we can build a
church, command a
missionary & secure
all needed Pres.ⁿ Contra
We wish to settle in a
warmer country than

This. We wish to settle in
a healthy, fertile country
with timber or ~~or cold~~ cold
coal, with market ~~vacating~~
With these advantages
~~one~~ or most of them
I can with some effort, I
think bring perhaps
twenty families together
I propose to lay out
a village as a centre to
the settlement.

You may know of a locality
in Southern Nebraska
where all of these advanta-
ges may be had, or if the
means of information is
wanting to you, or the
time to answer this is
wanting some brother
missionary may be able
to do so.

We have read with much
interest your letters, from
the Pacific R. R.

Yours &c

John Fraser

St. Charles P. O.

Adel, Iowa, Sep. 16/69.

Dear Bro. Jackson.

Yours of 6th, I found here on my return from Synod. Also the Map. wh. I will mark & return in a day or two. soon as I get out of the pressure of correspondence a little.

In regard to Bro. Little I do most sincerely wish he would go to Atlantic East Des Moines is in Stetur Geo. Bro. Kellogg has the matter still in hand & this week will gather up the names for organization. He expects to keep the thing along for the present & I believe it would be best for him to do so, and in spring get a No. 1. younger man there & it would go along continuously.

As Bro. K. has given up Atlantic & turned it over to Bro. Cleland. You cant do better than urge Bro L. to go in there and if you think best that it be renewed on the part of our Committee I can pledge

Bro. L. \$1000 salary. If you can do as
much for him perhaps he would just as soon
go in under the C.S. Board. Still whoever
goes to A. should have \$1000 salary to begin
on.

Please see Little + urge him
to take hold of the work at Atlantic
provided he will move there to live.

I will write him - to the same
effect.

We had a good meeting of Synod.
in spite of the Monele case wh. kept
us a long time -

Very truly Yours in H.

Wm Campbell -

Wm. L. ... Sept. 15, 1867.

My dear Mr. ...

I have for a long time
desired to write to you to
express the pleasure I feel
in the progress you are then
making in the work of
teaching the West - as your
concerns manifest in the
press by these - make them
to us -

I want to wish you
I can say nothing of letting
to those ... and
and then as well as find
ing out Libraries to ~~add~~ you
... Dr. Hensgrove
has a Question in his
Report informing the
Churches that they should

not allow themselves to be
conducted in any manner in
the selection and supply
of their Beneficencies by any
Self appointed congregational
Solicitor! Many he says
have said two things as for
as I am concerned, I have
arranged with our church
to take the Mission and
we would ~~we~~ take the families
or select two members of our
family - girls or boys but
we would supplement them
by supplying the rest -
in this way work has been
done it would in all
probability, ~~work~~ be done,
with no sect arrangement
we have - the
costing was sent by each
on in separate boxes -

I was informed by Mrs
Lyons a few days ago in a
letter I rec'd from her - that
the Rev Mr Mason was
to take her husband's place
this morn'g made himself so
objectionable to many by
his impetuous nature against
the Unitⁿ & the Unitⁿ of the
Unitⁿ of religious proi
cess in Iowa and follow
ed as it was by the appro
val of the Synod - I am
a little surprised Dr. Mason
& some will continue his pop
ularity at this time on
such an opponent

He gives as a reason for not
convening the Synod in Iowa
is - that he selects places and
times where the

are the people to present to.

On receiving it from you and
I. sent it to him 50 Dollars
for you it would be of his
labour -

In return I have sent you
a check for the same amount
to use as you wish, but
for yourself or Thelma

I have given much love to
Mrs. Jackson and her little
children and their
for their grandson Mr. Kirk

Truly yours for ever

Wm. A. Kirk

125 West St.

1008 Mich. Ave
Chicago Sept 26/99

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I now accept. Cher-
lune definitely and finally. Do
the best you can for us in the
matter I have presented, and I have
no further requests to make.

The 28th St. and South Chs. are
consolidated. I feared the effort
would fail, and then would have
come a conflict between (seeming)
rival duties. But now my work
here is done.

We leave for Anna Ills. Sept
30. I shall reach Chicago on Oct 16, or
sooner. I shall write hereafter what
day I prefer to stay Omaha. I
to stop there 24 hours.

All well. — Yrs. truly,
C. W. Fries

St Louis Sept 18th 1869

My dear Br Jackson

Yours of the 15th has been recd
Sorry you were not able to meet with our Pres. Had a
meeting of the Bd of Ch Ex on Thursday. Had your
letter been in time, I would have laid your applications
before the Bd. Doubtful whether we can have another
meeting before I leave. I can not yet say at what time
I may be at Council Bluffs. I fear the state of our Treasury
will not admit of the heavy drafts your Presbytery has
made. We can only give out, what we receive and we
have a very wide field before us. The applications now
on file, call for \$60,000 more than we have in our Treas
I will however send the usual paper to the Ch' named
and when they are returned, the Bd. will act, according
to their judgment & means. You do not seem to think
we are limited as to the latter - perhaps both.

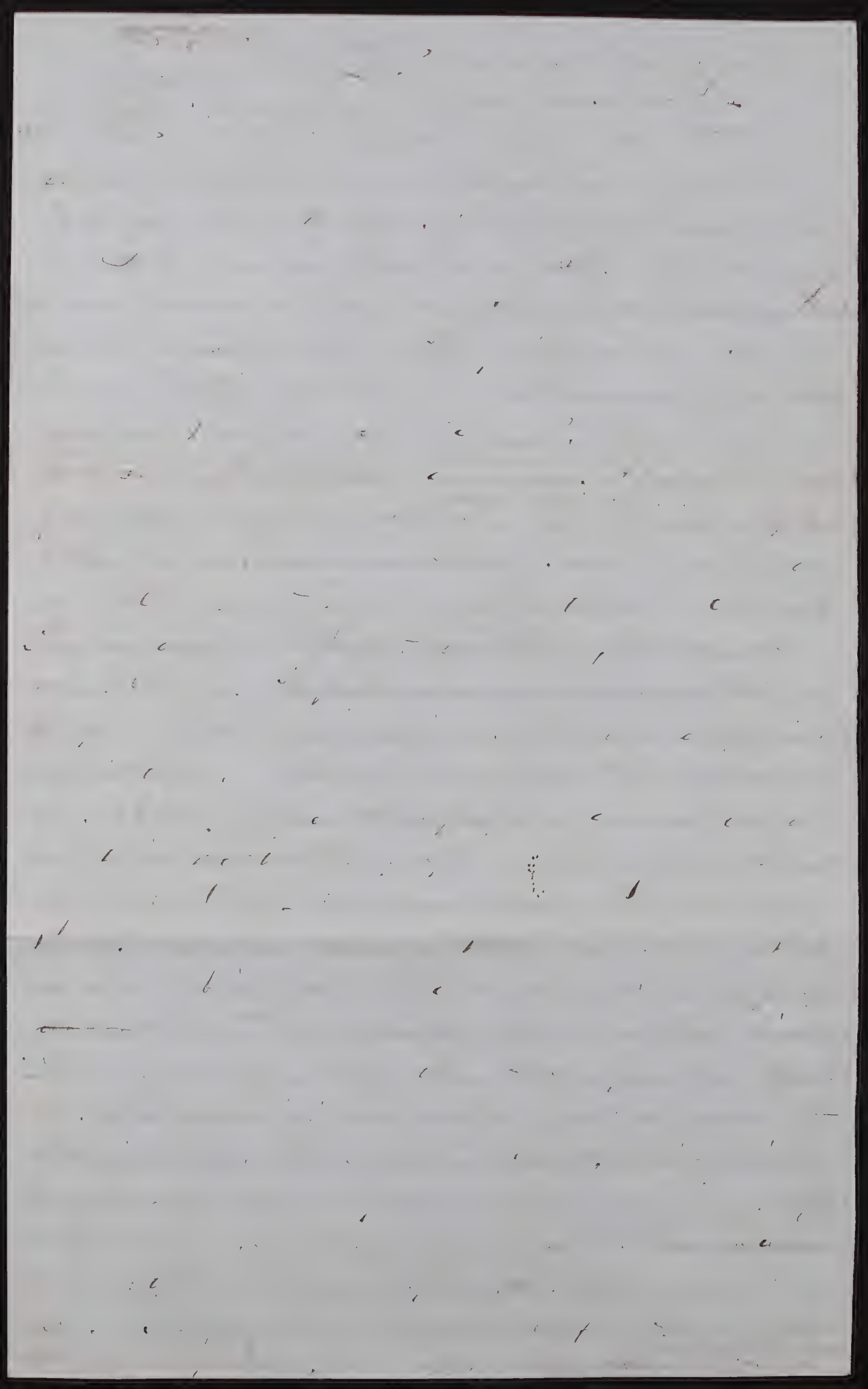
I am just starting to the country to conduct a Commu-
con Service of two days and can only write this
hasty note.

With fraternal regards

Your Br

A R Nelson

Sept 19



New York Sept 2nd 1869

Dear Bro

I want to call your attention to Truckee on the Great P.R.R. It is at the foot of the Sierras & must furnish lumber for the whole country for 1000 miles Eastward. It is finely situated on the Truckee River which drains Lakes Tahoe & Donner, & its supplies of lumber seem inexhaustible.

The lumber business has been overdone - there being 40 sawmills there & a little below - No young place could sustain so many. But when the temporary reaction is over there will be a vigorous permanent business there & the place must be of considerable importance.

It is better built than either Laramie or Cheyenne & I regard it as the best place on the whole line. No Church yet but Meth & Cath - Our Dist (Sec at White Pine) is so influenced by the jealousy of White Pine (opposite Elko) that he gives no importance in Truckee which by a R.R. soon to be built will

the stopping place for the rival
mines of Virginia City.

I write to express the
hope that you will find a plucky
man there to occupy Tucker's place.

We sent a man there but he staid
a day & a half & then acted on Dist
Sec's fears & left.

If neither Branch of the Press
Club takes hold of it the Congregationalists
will within a very few months.

Can't you find a
man or have Frazar do it?

Your friend & bro
H. E. Linn

C. C. Merriman,

OFFICE, NO. 14 POWERS' BANK BUILDING.

Rochester, N.Y. Sept 21st 1869

Rev. D. L. Hughes

Dear Sir. Your favor
of 15th inst. is received. In regard
to the erection of a Presbyterian
Church at Atlantic, just at present,
I must confess that I have not
been quite favorable to it. Having
been brought up to regard Con-
gregational & Presbyterian Churches
as almost identical, & having always
attended either one or the other, which-
ever was the most convenient, and
without regard to Sectarian differences
I have come to think that a Church
of either one of those denominations
will accommodate the wants and
needs of Atlantic for the present
at least; and as there is already a
Congregational Church there, I seem
to think that it is not hardly worth
while to press the matter of the erection
of a Building for a Presbyterian Society

until the town has attained a little larger growth -

It is only since this matter of the two denominations at Atlantic has arisen that I commenced to think which I was attending here, and on inquiring I find that it is Presbyterian; while I know that my wife's last letter came from a Congregational Church. If I judge right that is the general state of feeling east & west; and if so, certainly the few Presbyterians now at Atlantic can for a time at least affiliate with the Congregational society already organized there. These being my views, with all due deference to yours, you will excuse me from the proposed subscription & believe me Very truly

C. C. Merriam

Marengo, Ill.^{no}

Sept. 21st/69.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Your very rich
& agreeable letter was rec'd this
A. M. Enclosed find Rec't. for
\$475⁰⁰. I am sorry to inform
you that my wife will not be able
to make the trip this fall, - her
health is quite poor. She will re-
main at home until spring. I
go to Helena with - Mr. & Mrs. Vawter
& several others - quite a large
Company. Under these circum-
stances if you wish, - I will
refund a portion of the funds
you have so generously, & I fear
with much labor - provided for my
transit, - when I meet you.

I think now, that I shall stop
the 28th as already intimated—
& rest a week or so at my Uncle's
& many friends, - at Florence -
I am indeed sorry to be separated
from my wife - but since you
were here - a pro fuse "fleeing" &
great general debility - seem
to make our separation for the
present imperative, I will

counsel further with - you when
we meet. I will go directly
through to Florence & remain over
Sat. the 3rd ^{Oct} & visit you at the Bluffs
the 6 or 7th - Perhaps you better drop
me a line at Florence on your
arrival from Minnesota - I shall
probably reach Florence the 29th or
30th inst - Yours in Gospel Labor
H. P. Beck.

Chicago, 2 September 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Capt Probst Mission
Council Bluffs Iowa

Dear Sir,

I can furnish
you the Church for Cheyenne according
to the plans you furnished me 32x50 including
Paints mixed and Carpenter Work at Cheyenne
you paying for Chimney and for Transportation
for Men & Material for Four Thousand Three
Hundred & Thirty Six (\$4336). Or will furnish
Material for Carpenter work including
paints mixed on board Car at Chicago
for Three Thousand Two Hundred & Sixty One (\$3261).
Should be pleased to hear from you with
order as soon as possible & ash is glazed

Very Respy

Yours Obedt Servt

Lynnan Bridges
J/S

Valmont Colorado Ter.
Sept. 23^d 1869.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Council Bluffs Iowa.

My Dear Bro.

Yours of the 6th inst.

is recd Thanks!

1. Believing that a 'Presbytery' would be useful here, I enclose you the 'overture'.
2. "The religious wants of the Ter." are
Bibles = Preachers like Paul & Apollos =
P. B. P. Books = Church-buildings and
1000 Uncle-John-Vassars. There is a
certain whole-souledness in this country that
is pleasant to behold at times; but ^{many} are
whole-souled for evil. One want, the sup-
plying of which will make known the
others, is your presence here.

Please come as soon as you can and
thus you will learn more in a short time
than I could write you in a long letter.
After you arrive, your traveling expenses
in our Ter. shall be small.

Rev. A. R. Day = one of the best ministers
in this Ter = preaches here & at Boulder City -
and is to organize a Church, next Sat -

on St. Vrain.

I preach in Denver, to very small congregations, and at Clear Creek - four miles north of Denver.

Rev. Geo. S. Spinning of Helton Ills. (or Harvard Ill.) has written me, asking questions about the prospects here for a minister and I believe he would come if a support were promised him.

I will send him your address and ask him to correspond with you. He spoke of going to the Assembly "as a lobby-member" and possibly you may see him there. We need good ministers.

There are Presbyterians in this country who love the gospel and 1000's of sinners who need it. - Please come and see us. The Denver Church needs a man to read John's Epistles for them and the whole city needs a stirring-up.

Sed sat. scrib. Come and See.

Thanking you for your kind letters and praying with you for the success of the work
I remain

Yours

Chas. M. Campbell.

Presbyterian Board of Publication,

No. 821 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Sept. 23 1869

Rev Jackson

Council Bluffs
Iowa

My dear Sir

I send you a second
parcel of books & tracts - in the
main, selected according to our
Mem^o received through Doct Waters!
I also inclose you a further
Mem^o of the cost of the two parcels -
amounting to somewhat over \$400 $\frac{1}{2}$ =
(£415. 28) We have, as you will
perceive, strained a point to
give you a large supply; & shall be
glad, if you are able to sell any
portion - to be returned. Doct Waters
suggests that you have a Colporters
Commisⁿ. but I do not see that this
can be of much use to you - you will
oblige us by giving us at convenient

times, before March next,
any statistics that may help
our Annual report

You had better commu-
nicate directly here rather
than through Doct Water.

Ever truly yr

W Sargent

Ind College

Chicago Ills, Sept 24, 1864
Dear Brother Jackson

I was sorry that
I could not see you when at Coun-
cil Bluffs. I would have wanted
but had already lost so much
time that I was unwilling to lose
any more. My trip to
Lincoln was a failure. The
freethinkers there do not want a
minister till they have a church.
I was sorry to have to give
it up, but had to do so.

I have no place in view now
whatsoever. I am waiting
to go wherever providence may
send me. Any assistance
you may be able to give me will
be most thankfully received.

Very thankful for past
favors, I am

Yours, Fraternally W. H. Hughes

Address me at Council Bluffs, Iowa, at the residence of Mrs. J. M. Hughes.

Portland, Oregon,
Sept. 25, 1867.

To the
Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear brother:

(Your letter of Aug.
31st, reached me while I was
absent.)

I have revisited Puget
Sound. We want two men
without delay; one for Fort
Townsend, & adjacent ports;
the other for Olympia.

The former is purely mis-
sionary, but very promising

to a man of ability & piety.

Our Olympia Church presents an attractive field). If I were setting out as a beginner, I should like nothing better.

At Port Townsend, Port Discovery, Port Ludlow, & Skagit, (formerly Port Gamble) there is no regular preaching. Yet from 1000 to 2000 men are employed in these places.

I must add, that a man of ability will prosper, with patient faith & prayer, & no other will be tolerated.

Do you know Rev. J. C. Elliott, Nebraska City?

He has written to me, expressing
a desire to come to this coast.
Being a perfect stranger, I
could not advise him.

A few able earnest workers
will give a vast energy to
the work of Christ on this coast.

We need most of all, an
outpouring of God's Spirit.
There are 11 Churches in
Oregon & Washington, ^{Seven of} ~~11~~
habe houses of Worship.

I am going next week to the
Synod at San Francisco.

With many prayers for your
success,
Your fellow laborer
A. L. Lindsey,

Brooklyn, Sept 27th 1869

Rev. Sheldon Kiken

Dear sir

We read a day
or two since in the New York
Tribune, some notice of the work
in which you are at present
engaged, of planting churches
in the places that have sprung
up along the line of the Pacific
rail-road, and also that funds
were being needed for the imple-
mentation of this work. My sister
and I would like to contribute
something to this cause in

which we feel much interest, and
I write now to ask you in what
form we shall wish our donation

We have usually found a certi-
fied check to be the safest and
most
convenient mode, in such cases;
but if that is not convenient
one for you, will you suggest
how it shall be done, as we
do not like to trust money to
our mails. The amount¹⁰ we
would like to contribute is one
hundred dollars. I do not know
whether you will remember us,
but we had the pleasure of

sending you the Independent
for a year or two, while you
were living in Rochester, Minn.
Please direct to

Miss E. Thurston
No. 54 Penckontate
Brooklyn

New York

and hoping soon to hear from
you. I am Yours respectfully

E. Thurston

J. R. Holden Jackson
Council Bluffs
Iowa.

Grass-
California

Santa Rosa
Sonoma to Col
Apr 27th 1869

Dear Mr. Jackson

Your of
3/18th says I can in my
absence & is answered
as fully as possible.

For our churches & our
transients say I hope you
to the ministers. We have
six churches in this coun-
ty all within 40 miles
of each other or 20 from
this place & our in-
staple country, one at Vallejo
one at Buena Vista & one near
Pacramento.

We greatly need ministers
but the support in
most of our small fields
is inadequate for men
with families.
Thus I hesitate to ad-

visit But then like to
you to come to this coast
I would rejoice to see
him here & have several
times written to him
on the subject. Now is
he situated & when is
he now laboring.

We have vacant churches
& places where churches
can be formed but
no one who he could
obtain a full support by
preaching.

I rejoice to hear from you
& that you are pushing the
work in that vast region
May God be with you
Yours truly
Theodore Tilton

Corning Clowen

J. Giffen

Albion Sept. 27th 84

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Bro.

One of the 8th inst. was fully
recovered. I was sorry to hear
that the young man was disappointed
as it did wish to go West. But
I hope the future is the right
man for the place & will succeed.
I still believe in a great
and good promising field.

I prefer to be in the west now
for many reasons. It is a future that
is likely to be of importance & of
great influence, where a man
looking with the blessing of God
could have a good harvest, of a
rich harvest of souls.

No matter if the beginning is small
if the foundation is laid well & if

in order to support I
have been making the same
however I am planning.

I am not sufficiently acquainted
with the different fields to be able
to justify me. But if you
will give me a description of one
of the most promising ones
in your field, I will be able to
study carefully & profitably.

Now from what I understand I am
not sure of what assistance you
could give me in going to see
the place. I have not enough
to travel on & I must pay my

debt. I would like to have you
go at soon as possible as I am
anxious to get settled before winter.
My love to you & to all.

Mrs. B. Leach complies to herself
with. Love in the heart.
Yours truly
Amos A. Leach

Mission House, 907 Arch St.
Philadelphia, Sept. 29, 1869

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dear Bro.:— Your favor of the 15th inst. came duly to hand, but I delayed answering it in the expectation of hearing officially from the Presbytery of Missouri River. Up to this date no application either from the Stated Clerk or the Chairman of the Council on Missions for the appointment of the brethren named by you, has reached the Office and of course the Ex. Committee have had no authority to act. Will you see that the application is forwarded?

I will recommend the appropriations named by you, but cannot certainly tell what the Council will do. I desire to do as much as I can in the Far West, but your own judgment must convince you that it would be impracticable, with the limited resources of the Board, to appoint many missionaries at an average salary of \$1000.

I thank you for the article you sent for publication in the Record. It came too late to be published in the

October number, but I will try to make room for it in the number following. As we have so little space in the Record, all Articles intended for publication should be short.

I am glad that a kind Providence protected you during your extensive tour of exploration and hope that you are well and happy in your work.

With kind regards,

I remain,

Fraternally Yours,

G. W. Musgrave.

per F.

Many thanks for your kind remembrances of Mr. Towel and myself.

Frank.

Elizabeth N. J. Sept 29. 49
To the Rev Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Mother: In conversation, not long ago, with Mrs Judge Jones of Philadelphia, I became considerably interested in the field of labour in regard to which you have been interesting the readers of the Psalystine. In conversation also with our mutual friend, the Rev Mr Roberts of this place, he spoke of you and told me that there is an open door for labour in your vicinity and stated that there is already a vacant Church awaiting a Pastor or Supply. I therefore thought there would be no harm writing you, for it might be that the Lord would have something for me to do in that field of labour. I have been fifteen years in the south as a minister and longer than that as a resident. But am anxious, if it be the will of our Common Master, to labour in the

in the Church of my fathers - I have
a family, and should it appear that I
am called to the western field I would
enter upon my labours immediately
not expecting to bring them on till
spring -

Should you desire to know any thing
of me I would refer you to Mrs Jones
of Fair and to Bro Roberts of this
place -

Hoping that the Lord will take
charge of this correspondence and that
you as well as myself may be under
his guiding hand. I sign myself
Yours in the Gospel.

Wm E. Hamilton.

Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

Yours of the 18th received I am glad to learn that we shall have a supply soon, I think it is very necessary to keep the field continually occupied, for some time we have been occupying the Ep^l church and was gradually building up a good attendance at our services, the break in our meeting by Mr Gay's absence has compelled Mr Cook to make other arrangements with his meeting.

Fully realizing the truth of the old adage "Beggars should not be choosers" yet I feel much solicitude in regard to Mr Fox's success in this community

our principal men in our community
are strong active uncompromising
republicans; as you know we have in
sympathy with our enterprise all of
our Territorial and judicial officers,
all of whom are plain out & out repub-
licans. Mr Davis says he is a conservative
is coming out here to harmonize that
element of miners who would express
sympathy with, or leanings towards
copper headism in this community would
be a dead letter. More injury to the
cause of religion than benefit.

We shall be pleased to see you
when you can visit us. we need very
much a good active working man
among us.

I am Most Respectfully
W. J. Thompson

S. M. MOORE.
B. G. CAULFIELD.

Office of MOORE & CAULFIELD,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

156 Washington Street, Rooms 10 and 11,

Chicago, Sept. 30 1869

Dear Bro. Jackson:

The only proper way to get the change you propose, is for some one to resign his appointment, and clear an opening. I will consent to no arrangement that has not this foundation stone—a vacancy, before a consideration of the field.

Accordingly, since you have twice expressed a desire for a change, I hereby resign the appointment to Cherpennet, absolutely.

This leaves Cherpennet vacant: you can now appoint Bro. Peck to it, or reappoint myself, or appoint some one else.

Should this resignation of mine lead to other changes in your field, e.g. should Bro. Peck resign Helena for C—, and should you then wish to consider me with reference to that or any other such vacancy, you can then make me a new appointment.

and I will consider it on its merits,
just as I would any other call.

But I will not consider anything while
it is not vacant. Brethren in the ministry
are entitled to this from me, and whatever
I may say as to their fitness for cer-
tain fields is meant as ^{brotherly counsel} ~~advice~~ to persons
interested and not as a wedge to drive them
and their people apart.

I am now free and disengaged from all
fields. While in this state, I shall probably
be at my father's, off and on. Address me
at Anna, Union Co. Illinois. A tele-
gram to me at St. Louis, 212 N. 5th st.,
would reach me about Oct. 12., perhaps sooner.

Please understand me, br. J., as desiring
to help you solve the problem presented. I
see no other course for me to take, if I would
help you at all. — ~~th~~

I am now free, and ready to hear proposals
from or for any and all fields.

Yours in the gospel
H. W. Harris.